

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

No claims have been amended or added. Claim 14, 16 and 17 have been cancelled without prejudice.

Allowed Claims

The Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for his thorough search and for allowing claims 1-13. To expedite issuance of the allowed claims, the Applicants have put the application in condition for allowance.

Claim Objections

Examiner objected to claim 16 under 37 CFR 1.75(c). The Applicants respectfully disagree. However, at the present time, claim 16 is canceled thereby obviating the objection.

35 U.S.C. § 103(a) Rejections

Examiner rejected claim 14 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 4,397,029 (hereinafter "Satonius") in view of U.S. Patent 6,138,089 (hereinafter "Guberman"). The Applicants respectfully disagree. However, to expedite the allowance of the allowed claims, the claims currently not allowed have been canceled.

CONCLUSION

Applicant(s) respectfully submit the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call Adam Furst at (408) 947-8200.

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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